



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

November 29, 2018

Mr. Clay Goode
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VIA EMAIL

Re: FOIA Request FY2019-017 Final Response

Dear Mr. Goode:

This letter is in final response to the above-referenced requests for information you sent to the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested the following:

All records reflecting communications (including but not limited to emails, email attachments, voicemail transcripts, text messages, messages on messaging platforms (such as Slack, GChat or Google Hangouts, Lync, Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Facebook or Twitter Direct Messages), telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, talking points, any handwritten or electronic notes taken during any oral communications, summaries of any oral communications, or other materials) between (a) any political appointees* at your agency and (b) any person in the Office of the White House, including any person whose email address ends in @who.eop.gov, discussing, concerning, or related to Ivanka Trump (or alternatively styled "Ivanka Kushner") and her use of non-governmental email, including any email address ending in @ijkfamily.org.

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*"Political appointee" should be understood as any person who is a Presidential Appointee with Senate Confirmation (PAS), a Presidential



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Appointee (PA), a Non-career SES, any Schedule C employees, or any persons hired under Temporary Non-career SES Appointments, Limited Term SES Appointments, or Temporary Transitional Schedule C Appointments.

The date range used for this search was January 20, 2017 to present. CEQ conducted a search for responsive documents and the search found no documents responsive to your request.

A determination that no records are known to exist is not a denial and you may challenge the adequacy of the search by submitting a written appeal within ninety (90) calendar days to efoia@ceq.eop.gov. Appeals may also be sent via facsimile to (202) 456-0753 or via U.S. postal mail addressed to: FOIA Appeals Officer, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, D.C. 20503.

You may obtain additional information by contacting me by email or telephone. Also, you have a right to seek assistance or dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Their webpage is <https://ogis.archives.gov/> and their phone number is (202) 741-5770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard Sun", is positioned above the typed name.

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